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A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

PERIODIC TEST I 2026-27

ENGLISH MS SET 2

Class: V

Time: 1hr

Date: 12.06.26

Max Marks: 25

Admission no:

Roll no:

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION - A READING (5 Marks)

I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Penguins are birds that cannot fly, but they are excellent swimmers. They live mostly in cold regions like Antarctica. Because it is so cold, penguins have a thick layer of fat under their skin called blubber. This blubber acts like a warm coat to keep them cozy in icy water.

Penguins have black and white feathers. Their coloring acts like camouflage. When they are swimming, their black back blends in with the dark ocean from above, and their white belly blends in with the bright surface from below. This helps them hide from predators like seals and sharks. Penguins eat small fish, squid, and tiny sea creatures called krill.

On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the questions:

1. Where do most penguins live?

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| a) In the desert | b) In the forest |
| c) In cold regions like Antarctica | d) In the sky |

2. What is the thick layer of fat under a penguin's skin called?

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| a) Fur | b) Blubber | c) Skin | d) Scale |
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3. The black and white coloring of a penguin acts as —

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| a) A way to fly | b) Camouflage | c) A way to stay dry | d) A signal to friends |
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4. Answer in one or two sentence:

- a) Why do penguins need blubber?
- b) Name two predators that penguins hide from.

Answer Key :

1. c) In cold regions like Antarctica
2. b) Blubber
3. b) Camouflage
4. a. Penguins need blubber to keep them cozy and warm in icy water.
b. Penguins hide from predators like seals and sharks.

Section B: Grammar & Writing Skill (10 marks)

II. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate articles (a, an, the).

1x3=3

My sister is _____ (1) artist who loves to paint nature. Last month, she painted _____ (2) beautiful picture of the mountains. We hung the painting in _____ (3) living room for everyone to see.

1. an 2. a 3. the

III. Identify the type of noun for each bold word.

1x3=3

(Choose from: Proper, Common, Abstract, or Material)

1. The **Taj Mahal** is a beautiful monument.

Type: _____ **Proper**

2. **Happiness** is better than money.

Type: _____ **Abstract**

3. This window is made of **glass**.

Type: _____ **Material**

IV. Write the following story in your own words. Give a suitable title and moral. (1×4 = 4)

One cold day, a group of ants were working hard to collect _____ for the winter. A grasshopper was sitting nearby, singing and _____. He laughed at the ants for working so hard. When winter came, the grasshopper had no _____ and felt very _____. He went to the ants and asked for help.

The Ants and the Grasshopper

One cold day, a group of ants were working hard to collect **food** for the winter. A grasshopper was sitting nearby, singing and **dancing**. He laughed at the ants for working so hard and said they should enjoy the day instead of worrying about the future.

When winter came, the grasshopper had no **food** and felt very **hungry**. There was snow everywhere, and he could not find anything to eat. Weak and tired, he went to the ants and asked

for help. The ants shared some food with him but also reminded him that it is important to work hard and be prepared for difficult times.

Moral: Work today to be safe tomorrow.

Section C: Literature (10 marks)

V. Choose the correct answer:

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

1. Mrs Medlock took Mary to a huge house in the
a. countryside b. city
2. Mr Craven threw away the key to the when his wife died.
a. garden door b. house
3. One night, when Mary was in her bedroom, she heard a
a. sweet lullaby b. strange sound

VI. Answer the following questions

2x2=4

1. Why did Mary want to take Colin to the secret garden?

Ans. Mary wanted to take Colin to the secret garden because she believed it would help him feel better and become stronger. She thought that the fresh air and beauty of the garden would have a positive effect on his health and mood.

2. Why was Colin happy to be out of his room?

Ans Colin was happy to be out of his room because it was a new experience for him. Being outside allowed him to feel free and alive, and he was excited to explore the world beyond his confined space.

VII. Answer the following question in detail:

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

Q1. Mary helped Colin recover, do you think Colin helped Mary too, if so how?

Ans. Yes, Colin helped Mary too. When Mary came to England, she was lonely, and unhappy. Through her friendship with Colin, she learned to care for others and felt needed. Helping Colin recover gave her a sense of purpose and happiness, which changed her into a more cheerful and loving person.
